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William Casey
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

I am writing to ask to meet with you concerning a research project, funded by the National Science Foundation, dealing with presidential nomination campaigns. Specifically, I am investigating how strategic decisions, in terms of the amount of time and money spent in various state contests, are made. To this end, I will be interviewing the key decision-makers of significant candidates in the 1976 Democratic and 1980 Republican nomination campaigns. This is not a journalistic inquiry; I am not interested in specific personalities or controversies, but rather in the strategic decision-making processes that go on in presidential campaigns.

I would like to meet with you, at your convenience, preferably between the dates of September 7 and September 16. I will contact your office shortly for the purpose of arranging a meeting. Participation of the major decision-makers is critical to the successful completion of this project.

Respectfully yours,



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